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1. SUMMARY: DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE, AND SUPPORTING
STAFF MET WITH OECD DELEGATION OFFICERS MORNING FEB 11 FOR USEFUL
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ENVCOM AGENDA. HIGHLIGHTS: (A) ELECTION
ENVCOM OFFICERS; (B) DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT; (C) PREPARATION OF
ENVCOM MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL; (D) 1975 WORK PROGRAM;
(E) WASTE DISPOSAL PROJECT; (F) NOTIFICATION/CONSULTATION PROCEDURE;
(G) ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. EC COUNTRIES SUPPORTING VAN SCHAIK
(NETHERLANDS) FOR CHAIRMANSHIP. PROBABLY ONLY CANDIDATE. PLAN
IS TO PROPOSE FOUR VICE CHAIRMEN TOGETHER: MENKE-GLUCKERT (FRG),
MUNRO (CANADA), LYKKE (NORWAY), AYERS (AUSTRALIA).
SECRETARIAT WILL INFORM SOONEST RE PROPOSERS/SECONDRS.

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3. DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT. RODERICK WILL FOCUS ON (I) BUDGET, (II) RECOMMENDATION ON FUEL COMBUSTION PER REF (B) PARAS 25-27, FOR SUBMISSION TO EXCOM SOONEST, (III) OECD CONTRIBUTION TO UNEP, INCLUDING PROPOSED OECD COUNCIL ACTION TO REGULARIZE OECD/UNEP COOPERATION. DEPSYG ELDIN WILL REPORT ON WASHINGTON ENERGY MEETING.

4. ENVCOM MINISTERIAL. MAR 4-6 ENVCOM MEETING EXPECTED TO APPROVE MINISTERIAL AGENDA AND GUIDE SECRETARIAT ON ISSUES FOR 1980, WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OECD PROGRAM. RODERICK PLANS WASHINGTON DC DISCUSSIONS THIS MATTER FEB 18-22 (REF C). AGREEMENT THAT QUESTION OF MINISTERIAL CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN BE LEFT TO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS (SPAIN ALREADY CANDIDATE FOR ONE VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP). SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE BRIEF PAPER ON OECD PRACTICE FOR ELECTIONS AT MINISTERIALS.

5. 1975 WORK PROGRAMS. RODERICK REQUESTED COMMENTS SOONEST ON ENV(74)7 (PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF 1975 WORK PROGRAM).

6. JOINT POLICY ISSUES GROUP ON WASTE DISPOSAL. GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH SECRETARIAT APPROACH FOR JOINT ENV/AGR/IND INPUT, THUS CALLING FOR MINIMUM REFERENCE TO THREE COMMITTEES CONCERNED DURING PERIOD OF MAXIMUM EFFORT. COMMITTEES WOULD BE ASKED TO FINALIZE AND APPROVE AT END OF EXERCISE, AS WITH PULP AND PAPER REPORT, GENERALLY AGREED TO HAVE BEEN PROCEDURALLY SUCCESSFUL.

7. NOTIFICATION/CONSULTATION PROCEDURE FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES. ENVCOM WILL BE ASKED TO DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR CONTINUATION OR PHASE-OUT, IF CONTINUATION RECOMMENDED, QUESTION WILL BE RAISED CONCERNING CLOSER LINK WITH CHEM SECTOR GROUP.

8. ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT. RODERICK EMPHASIZED THAT ENV(74)10 IS SECRETARIAT PAPER. EXPERT GROUP REPORT WILL NOT BE READY BEFORE MAR 4-6 MEETING. BROWN

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